THE FALL OF BRANDFORT

Roberts Breaks the Beer Centre and Takes the Town.

The British Commander Reports That the Victory Was Achieved With Little Opposition and Few Casualties - Surprised Burgher Retreat Toward the Northeast-The Most Important English Success Since Bloemfontein Was Entered The Captured Position Was the First Federalists' Stronghold or the Road to the Transvaal Capital.

LONDON, May 4 .- The British have captured Brandfort, thirty-seven miles north of Bloemfontein

The centre of the Boers' first line of defence against Lord Roberts' advance has been broken.

Generals Pole-Carew, Tucker, and Hut ton entered the town yesterday. The Boers were surprised by the appearance of three British forces, coming from differ ent directions, and, after a slight resist ance, fled toward the northeast.

General Roberts announces the taking A BOER NEWSPAPER'S OPINION. of Brandfort in the following despatch to the War Office:

"Brandfort, Thursday, May 3 .- We occupied Brandfort today without much opposition or many casualities.
"The Boer Ariay, which was under General Delarey, retired in a north-easterly direction. ROBERTS."

It was through a combined movement o the divisions of General Pole-Carew and General Tucker and General Hutton's mounted infantry that the town was cap-

Pole-Carew's force led the centre of the movement, while Tucker approached on the east and Hutton's mounted men advanced from the west.

The Boers had no inkling of the approach of the big British forces until Wednesday. There had been skirmishes with small reconnoitring parties of the English for several days and reports of Boer victories near Brandfort were sent out from

On Wednesday, however, the Boers became aware of the fact that the British were advancing in force and General Delarey rushed 4,000 Boers into Brandfort to oppose them.

General Tucker's artillery had a brisk duel with the defenders of the town. This engagement was brief, but was fierce white it lasted. Two of the Boers' guns were quickly put out of action.

The Boers then realized that they could not cope with the overwhelming force of the British and beat a hasty retreat to the

The capture of Brandfort is the most important success achieved by Lord Robgives him possession of the first Boer stronghold on the road to Pretoria. It may enable him to cut off the Boers now holding the hills around Thabanche, and perhaps endangers General Botha himself, who is said to be in command to the south-

Brandfort is on the road to Kroonstad the temporary capital of the Free State. It was said that the Boers intended to make their first decided stand there. Apparently, however, they did not make much serious effort to defend it. They may not have expected the British to advance in that

General Pole-Carew's division marched out of Bloemfontein a few days ago fully clothed for the winter campaign. Their destination was kept secret. Now it is

LOSSES OF THE BRITISH.

Casualties at Thabancho and Jacobsrust Reported.

LONDON, May 4.-A War Office list of casualties issued this evening shows that at Thabancho, on April 29 and 30, twentyone men were wounded and four were taken prisoners while acting as stretcher

At Jacobsrust on April 30 three were killed, including H. Retton, of the Canadian Mounted Infantry, and four were

On May 1, twenty-six were wounded, including J. M. Ross, of the Canadian Mounted Infantry.

BOERS EVACUATE THABANCHO.

Some of the Burgher Forces Move Toward Wepener.

THABANCHO, May 4.—The Boers have evacuated their position on Thabancho Hill and are trekking northward in several di-

Some of them have gone in the direction Wepener. There is much surmise as to meaning of this movement toward the

WINIFREDA THE VICTOR

Mr. Brassey's Horse Wins the Stakes at Newmarket.

LONDON, May 4.- The race for the 1,000 ruineas stakes was run at New Market today and was won by Mr. L. Brassey's Win-ifreda. Lord Ellesmere's Inquisitive was second, and Sir R. Waldie Griffith's Vain Duchess, third. Ten horses ran. The betting was 11 to 2 against Winlfreds, 100 to 7 against Inquisitive, and 4 to 1 against Vain Duchess.

A Coal Discovery in Virginia. WINCHESTER, Va., May 4.-Discovery of

coal on the Unger farm, in Bear Garden Mountain,, one mile from Capon Bridge, has caused excitement here. The coal is, said to be of fine quality and appears in Victoria's Gift to Ottawa Sufferers

LONDON, May 4.- The Queen contribut ed 500 and the Prince of Wales 250 guines to the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of

Big Deal in Coal Land.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., May 4.—Six hundred acres of the Pittsburg seam of coal along the Youghioghery River, has been sold to James Cochran's Sons, of Daw-son. The price was \$94.000. The coal lies along Cedar Creek, in Rostraver township, Westmoreland county. Coke ovens will be

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WYNDHAM DEFENDS BULLER.

British Parliament Considers the Spion Kop Despatches. LONDON, May 4.-Parliament this even ng took up the despatches of General Lord Roberts, General Buller, and Lieut. Gen.

In the House of Commons, Mr. George Wyndham, Parliamentary Secretary of tate for War, defended the publication of the Spion Kop despatches as the only ourse possible. It was, he said, consoant with precedents during the Peninsu lar war. It could not harm a general, he declared, to give five points in his favor

Sir Charles Warren regarding the battle of

Mr. Wyndham contended that it was tter soldiers should learn what had happened, so that they could follow with the same general who had led them to victory at Ladysmith. To apologize for General Buller, Mr. Wyndham said, would be to ult that great man.

Referring to General Warren, Mr. Wyndam asked if all his services were to be forgotten because he was once unsuc

The Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary tate for War, spoke in the same strain in he House of Lords. Neither official attempted to meet the severe criticism of the press on the Government.

English People Believed to Be

Weary of the War. CAPE TOWN, May 3-(11:45 a. m.).-The "Ons Land," the Dutch newspaper organ, prints a leader today under the cap-"British Public Begins to Criticise. tion, "British Public Begins to Criticise."

The paper welcomes the coming debate
in the House of Commons on the despatches from General Lord Roberts, General Buller, and Lieutenant General Warren in regard to the battle of Spion Kop
as a sign that the English people are becoming weary of the war and are growing suspicious of their military and civil
advisers.

SHOT DEAD BY A PREACHER.

Brother of South Carolina's Attorney General Killed in the Street. COLUMBIA, S. C., May 4 .- A sensation ras created in Bamberg this morning, caused by the shooting in the street there of William T. Bellinger, a court stenographer, and brother of the Attorney General of the State, by the Rev. William E. Johnson, once a prominent Baptist minister of the State.

Johnson used a double-barrel shotgun. Bellinger was a young man. The affair is the result of a family feud. The victim died instantly.

THE CABINET MEETING.

The Porto Rican Situation Discussed In Detnil.

The Cabinet meeting today was devoted consideration of matters of detail, though of considerable importance in the various departments which the Porto Rican bill contains no provision for. There are many oversights in the bill which take the time and consultation of the Cabinet to decide. For the first time in some weeks. every member of the Cabinet was present Secretary Gage's opinion that the Ha-waiian debt of \$4,000,000, carrying inter-est of from 4 to 6 per cent, should be paid off immediately, was concurred in by other members of the Cabinet.

Secretary Gage has written a letter to sident Dole asking him to be ready up advice from the Department to notify holders of Hawaii bonds that they all be called in and interest stopped after a certain date. The Treasury Department is waiting for definite information, but it at the pleasure of the Hawaiian Govern-

A LABOR RIOT IN CHICAGO Four Men Wounded in a Fight With

CHICAGO, May 4.-Four rounded, one, Dennis Hannifin, probably statement: fatally, during a labor riot on Archer Avenue at 6 o'clock last night. A dozen snots master's or Subsistence Departments, nor were fired and every window in the car any other branch of the Army. It is abwas shattered. The passengers fled in a

The fighting was between coal heavers employed at the F. L. Hendstrom & Co. docks and strikers. At the close of their work in the evening, Hannifin and five companions were escorted to the car by policemen, when seven strikers boarded the car. The fight was started and those who were armed drew their revolvers. The car was halted and the passengers

TO ATTEND THE HORSE SHOW.

Admiral and Mrs. Dewey to Be En tertained at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, May 4.-Admiral and Mrs ewey have acepted an invitation to at tend the Horse Show, to be given May 18 and 19 at the Elk Ridge Hunt Club. W. B Brooks has been appointed to take charge of the matter of receiving and entertaining the Admiral. It is expected that the Admiral will come over on Saturday, the last day of the show. A special car will be sent to Washington for him.

North Carolina Pine Dealers Meet. NORFOLK, Va., May 4.- The North Carolina Pine Association held a largely attended meeting at the Affantic Hote yesterday, the mill men present repre enting a yearly output of over 400,000. 600 feet of lumber. Very little gain was reported on stock over that of last month.
Orders were reported as being on the increase. Prices were reaffirmed, no reduction being deemed necessary. As a precaution it was deemed wise to curtail the output 33 per cent for the next mouth.

A Woman Kills Her Rival. CHICAGO, May 4.-Emma Stelz, thirty-

four years old, was shot and killed in stantly yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Albert Holst in the latter's saloon at 1628 North Clark Street. Jealousy, it is said, was the cause. Mrs. Holst left the saloon after the shooting but was arrested al-most immediately afterward.

A Man Torn to Pieces.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 4. ceident occurred yesterday at Pennsburg when Warren Gehman was caught in a fly wheel at the Pennsburg Manufacturing Company's plant, and torn to pieces.

Malta Quarantines Against Egypt LA VELLETTA, Malta, May 4.-A qua antine of twelve days has been establishe here against arrivals from Egypt.

Government Receipts Today, The receipts of the Government today reached the sum of \$2,119,912.66, being com posed of customs, \$768,055.84; internal revenue. \$1,073,920.98; miscellaneous \$277,935.04. The expenditures amounted to Account People's National Convention at Soux \$1,165,000, leaving an excess of rect Fails, S. D., May 9, the Pennsylvania Railroad over expenditures to an amounting will sell May 5, count trip tickets at rate of \$32, food to return to May 14.

Car Loads Best Plastering Laths

GREETED BY THE KAISER

Wilhelm Welcomes Emperor Francis Joseph to Berlin.

Austrian Monarch Met at the Railway Station by an Imperial Party-The Burgomaster Styles the Royal Guest a Friend of Germany and a Friend of Peace

uspicious day in the city of Berlin, to: the municipality has witnessed a meeting of monarchs and displayed great enthusiasm in honor of the rulers who greeted each other with the greatest cordiality. Berlin is in the brightest of holiday attire as a tribute to Emperor Francis of Austria, whose this morning was an event that has long been anticipated with the keenest interest by the pople as well as those in official

Emperor Francis Joseph's visit to Berlin is made for the purpose of participating in the ceremonies attending the occasion of his godson, the Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, attaining his majority on

| Sunday next When the monarch of Austria arrived oday, he was met at the Potsdam Railway tation by a distinguished royal party, including Emperer William, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, all the Princes of the Royal Household, L. de Szogeny-Marich, the Austrian Ambassador to Germany, and Herr von Buelow, the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The streets of the capital teemed with people in gala attire and the meeting of the sovereigns at the railway station was one of the most impressive events ever witnessed in Berlin. Its cordiality seemed

o delight the thousands of spectators. Emperor William stepped forward and greeted Emperor Francis Joseph with an embrace which was fervently returned. After that, hearty kisses were twice exchanged by the monarchs. The words that passed between them were accompanie by smiles and both of the rulers seemed to be filled with delight over the auspiciou

meeting. than that of today. It was splendid. There were vast crowds at the Parisier-Platz when the Imperial party arrived in the

A feature of the occasion was the burmaster's speech of welcome to the vis iting monarch, in which he declared that city of Berlin recognized in his Imperial Majesty a friend of the German Em peror, a friend of the German nation, and

a friend of peace. In reply, Emperor Francis Joseph thanked the people for the splendid reception which had honored him in the city. said he saw in this demonstration a new pledge of the friendship of the two dynasties and two nations. The burgomaster's daughter presented a bouquet to the Austrian ruler, for which he gracefully thanked her.

Then the two Emperors took a carriage and drove through Unter-Den-Linden to the castle where they were received by the

All along the lines the two Emperor were greeted with a running cry of "hochs while the big guns fired a royal salute.

DENIED BY GREELY.

criticism of the Army Attributed to Him in a Recent Speech.

Gen. A. W. Greely, Chief of the Army Signal Corps, is very indignant at the published statements that in his speech before the Worcester, Mass. Board of Trade system. Today he made the following

"I made no reflection up solutely untrue that I made the stat solutely unrive that I made the statement that any Signal Corps soldier, or any other soldier went for ten days without food, and equally untrue that I charged officers of the Quartermaster's Department with being incompetent and a disgrace to the

"I consider the present system far in arrears of the time, and I advocate the rears of the time, and I advocate the or-ganization of the Army on a business basis, which shall increase its efficiency, and in doing so would apply the three principles which have brought such suc-cess for American industries, viz: selec-tion, competition, and elimination, the latter looking to the discharge annually through military boards of such officers as rough military boards of such officers as nay be found incompetent. I believe the safety of the country depends on an ree from political, deleterious influence

Customs Collector for Hawaii.

Senator Morgan has introduced a bill providing for the appointment in Hawaii of a customs collector, who shall reside at Honolulu, and who shall receive a sal-ary of \$4,500 per annum, and such deputy collectors and other customs officers as the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem cessary.

Approved by the President. The President has approved the joint esolution recognizing the gallantry of rank H. Newcomb, commanding the revenue cutter Hudson, and his officers and nen; also retiring Capt. Daniel B. Hodgslon, of the Revenue Cutter Service, for mand of the cutter Hugh McCulloh at Ma-

Acting Secretary Meiklejohn today au thorized the transfer of \$285,000, now in the Porto Rican treasury, to the new civil government. J. H. Hollander, the newly appointed treasurer of Porto Rice, has qualified and given bond in the sum of \$100,000.

Nominated by the President, The President today sent the following minations to the Senate: Co be United States Consul General at Yokoham

E. C. BELLOWS, of Washington. ANDREW J. HENDERSON, of the District of

Heav; Damages Claimed. NORFOLK, Va., May 4.-William L. Davis has brought suit in the Court of Law and Chancery against A. Wrenn & Son, claiming \$20,000 damages for injuries sustained in a recent elevator accident at the defendants' carriage factory.

Somewhere to Go Today? Chesapeake Beach on the Bay. Greatest sa stater resort near Washington. Trains lear hiesapeake "inction daily, 10 a. m. and 2 pi n. Leave Beach 12:30, 2:30, and 6:39 p. m., 50 cent ound trip. Take Columbia car.

ery Best Laths at Lowered Prices. Call to see Frank Libbey & Co.

GENERAL OTIS RELIEVED.

WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1900.

MacArthur Recommended to Succeed Him at Manila.

A long cable despatch was receive the War Department today from Major General Otis, who details the operations of the American troops during the month of April, and asks to be relieved from command at once, so that he may take the transport Meade from Manila tomor

General Otis requested some time age that he be allowed to return to the United States, and his request was acceded to by the President at the time. He then explained that he would like to leave Manila about May 1. Secretary Root replied, informing General Otis of the President's approval of his request, and suggesting that he remain until the situation was sufficiently improved to admit of his leav-

inform the Department the date he desir-ed to return. He at that time recommended General MacArthur as his successor, but failed to name anyone to succeed General MacArthur, In today's cablegram he recommend

General Loyd Wheaton as General MacArthur's successor in the command of one of the Philippine military departments. Secretary Root took Otis' cablegram to the White House this morning and read it at the Cabinet meeting. It was decided to allow General Otis to come home at once and the necessary order for his return will

be issued by the War Department late this ing the prospective return of General Otis to the United States. It has been repeatedly predicted and until recently as persistently denied by the officials at the War

It is understood, however, that Otis' conduct of the campaign in Luzon has been lecidedly unsatisfactory to the Secretary of War and that the renewed outbreaks in all parts of the archipelago have hastened the removal of the officer from his direct-

ng post in Manila. General Otis, it was said by a prominent Army officer today, has even kept the War Department in the dark regarding many details in the Luzon campaign which he should have immediately reported. By some this is attributed to an indifferent spirit and by others to a refuctance in the isfactory condition of affirirs.

THE PHILADELPHIA STRIKE. Plumbers Employed on the Conven-

tion Hall Quit Work. PHILADELPHIA. May 4.—The strike ituation this morning is not improved On the contrary, it is likely that before night is over a thousand more men will juit work and building operations in all

parts of the city will be at a standstill. A serious aspect was added to the affair oday when the plumbers employed on the Convention Hall quit work upon their demand for \$3,75 for an eight-hour day being refused by Contracting Plumber Howell. The carpenters and painters were orced to quit because the cannot work antil the plumbing is fini hed.

Contractor Howell sent to Baltimore and Washington this morning as soon as the strike occurred to get men.

RAILWAY STRIKERS RETURN

Central Car Repairers and Vardme Resume Work at Buffalo. BUFFALO, N. Y., May 4.- The New York entral car repairers and yardmen went o work this morning under the new scale

Lackawanna, Erie, W. N. Y. and P., and Lehigh Valley repairers and yardmen are still out but it is expected these railroads will follow the Central in granting con sions satisfactory to the strikers.

END OF THE BOSTON STRIKE. Brewers Grant an Eight-Hour Day

and Better Wages. BOSTON, May 4.—The strike in the Bos on breweries came to an end last night when the committees representing the master brewers and the engineers agreed on a compromise, the brewers granting an eight-hour work day and 55 cents per hour

The men demanded \$3 per day instead of 18 per week of seven days. This claim hey abandoned. This morning every brewery is in full operation

MONTANA'S LABOR TROUBLE. omplications Caused by the Strik

on the Great Northern. GREAT FALLS. Mont., May 4.-Th trike situation on the Great Northern at this place is growing serious, owing to the arge number of men in other lines of la oor being thrown out of work as a conse

The coal mines at Belt and Neihart the coal mines at Bell and Nethart, which supply the Anaconda Company's smelters at Anaconda, have been shut down because there are no means to transport their product to Anaconda, and if the strike is not very shortly settled, the smelters in that city must close down. The Baston and Montane scales in the The Boston and Montana emeliers city will probably suffer a like

Railroad Company has offered a re ward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the miscreant who threw the switch in this city Wednesday night to wreck the through passenger train en route from St. Paul to Helena and Butte.

NO STRIKE CONFERENCE.

Maryland Mine Operators Will Not Yield a Point.

el, of Buffaio, to the President this morn-CUMBERLAND, Md., May 4.-It is generally felt that the operators will no grant the miners a conference. President Lord in his reply to the miners' request did not give the slightest irdication o concurring. It is believed the operators will let the strike worry along until the men wish to return to work. The miners it is claimed, have been overcrowded by at least 400 men. When the strike ends thus number will be dropped and will include men who have been active in this and in past strikes. A committee of miners was here yesterday soliciting aid. A number of the strikers are already in strattened circumstances. concurring. It is believed the operator

terday after being closed a month. Ma-chines are used, and despite the fact the men were receiving more than the scale price, they struck. The United Mine Workers refused to recognize them. They go back at the old price of 40 cents.

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PRESIDENT'S VETO

Mr. McKinley Sidetracks the Bill Opening the Navajo Reservation.

His First Message Disapproving Action of the Present Congress Laid Before the House-Believes Due Consideration of Status and Interests of the Indians Was Not Given

The Speaker laid before the House this afternoon a message from the President, vetoing House bill 4001, "An act authorizing the adjustment of rights of settlers on the Navajo Indian Reservation in the Territory of Arizona." The message is of interest, in that it is the first veto of the present Congress. The President says in

"My objections to the bill are embodied in the following statement: This tribe has a population of about 20,000 souls, of whom 1,000 dres. in the manner of white men, 250 can read and 500 use enough English for ordinary conversation. Last year they cultivated 8,000 acres and possessed approximately 1,000,000 sheep, 250,000 goats, 100,500 cartle, 1,200 swine, and very considerable herds of horses and ponies. Prior to January last the reservation, which is in the extreme northeastern portion of Arizona, consisted of lands set apart for the use of these Indians under the Treaty of June 1, 1863, and subsequent executive orders, for account of the conditions June 1, 1863, and subsequent executive orders, for account of the conditions naturally prevailing in that section, the reservation as then constituted was altogether inadequate for the purposes for which it was set apart. There was not a sufficient supply of grass or water within its borders for the flocks and herds of the tribe, and necessaries was the proceedings of the proposition of the strike of the tribe.

the flocks and herds of the tribe, and in consequence more than one-third of the Indians were habitually off the reservation with their flocks and herds and were in frequent contention with whites over pasturage and water.

"The present bill proposes to open to miners and prospectors and to the operation of the mining laws a substantial portion of this reservation, including an extension of the reservation by executive order. There has been no effort to obtain from the Indians concessions of this character, for has any reason been presented orans concessions of this character, or has any reason been presented why, if these lands are to be taken from them, it should not be done in pursuance of negotiations had with the Indians as in other instances. While the Indians are the wards of the Government and must submit to that which is deemed for their best interests by the sovereign quarter. ests by the sovereign guardian, they should nevertheless be dealt with in a manner calculated to give them con-fidence in the Government and to asthem in passing through the inevitable transition to a state of civiliza-

"Belleving that due consideration has not been given to the status and interests of the Indians I withhold my approval from the bill.

"WILLIAM McKINLEY."
"Executive Mansion May 2 1999."

Executive Mansion, May 3, 1960. The message was referred to the Com

INDIANS FOR THE NAVY.

A Bill Providing for Their Instruc ion at Annapolis. Mr. De Graffenreld has introduced a bil in the House providing that there shall be appointed from each judicial district of the Indian Territory a cadet to the Naval ademy at Annapolis, the appointment of the cadet from the central district to be made by the Governor of the Choctaw tribe of Indians; the appointment for the cadet from the Southern district to be made by the Governor of the Chickasaw tribe of In-lians; the appointment of the cadet from the porthern district to be made jointly by the Governor or principal chief of the Cherokee and Creek Nations.

Senate Committee on the District of columbia today reported favorably the bill spectors of buildings in addition to the igned to them, and whose compensation all be \$1,200 per annum each payable onehalf out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the other half out of the revenues of the District of Co-lumbia, the salaries to begin July 1, 1900.

THANKS FOR SYMPATHY

to President Loubet Secretary Hay today sent a cablegram Ambassador Porter at Paris, directing

ient on account of the Utah mine disaste A BAIL BOND DENIED. Justice Clabaugh Refuses to Release

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Bernard M. Winter.

Justice Clabaugh today decline1 grant the application for the release of rnard M. Winter from jail on bond pending the hearing on his petition for ischarge from custody on writ of habeas

rpus. Winter is charged with abstracting certain papers and blank checks fro office of the Coast and Geodetic and was committed to jail in defar \$2,000 ball.

Candidate for a Judgeshin

Senator Depew introduced John R. Ha-

ing. Mr Hazel is a Platt candidate for judge of the new Western Judicial district of New York. A Soldiers' Home for Denver. The Senate today passed a bill approriating \$250,000 for the establishment of a National Scidiers' Home at Denver, Col. The bill provides that all honorably dis-charged soldiers or sailors, who served in the Spanish-American war, and who are

isabled, may be admitted. An Aged Woman Assaulted. GREENSBURG, Pa., May 4.-Miss Rahel Crooks, aged eighty-four, living alone was bound and robbed yesterday. She may life from the effects of the abuse heaped iron her. The burglar forced his way into he house. First he beat Mrs. Crooks and hen bound her to a chair. The house was horoughly searched for money, but only tits was found. The burglar then dearted. \$35 was found. Th burglar then departed

Tynn's Business College, St and K -Census Office Examination Spruce Laths, Hemiock Laths, a kiln gried Y. P. latis, all cheaper. F. Libbey

OHIOANS ATTACK HANNA.

The Senator Charged With Opposing Temperance Legislation

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 4 .- A letter from Senator Hanna to the Rev. P. A. Baker, State Superintendent of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League, is on its way, if it has not already been received, which may become a campaign document in the next Pre idential contest. The Anti-Saloon League is issuing circulars, blaming Hanna and President McKinley for the defeat of local option in this State. A letter from the Rev. Dr. Baker to the Senafor, making this charge has elicited the

following reply: My bear Sir: I am in receipt of yours of the lat instant and reply that ordinarily I do not pay any attention to such documents as your circular and only do so now to deny that I ever used President McKinley's name in giving a reason why I thought it would be well that the temperance question rest where it was. That I made any bargain with any interests in consideration of a contribution to campaign funds is simply an absurd lie. I do not think the methods of your circular are calculated to help your cause. Truly yours,

M. A. HANNA.

The circular to which Rev. Mr. Baker The circular to which Hev. Mr. Baker makes reference in his communication and a copy of which was sent to Mr. Hanna led off with the caption: "A plain statement, how, why, and by whom the Clark Local Option bill was defeated." Continuing it said: "Before the Legislature had convened, members informed us that Senator Hanna had said to them that, in view of Mr. McKinley's candidacy for re-eigen ator Hanna had said to them that, in view of Mr. McKinley's candidacy for re-election, there must be no temperance legislation this year. This he said to some members of both the House and Senate. Moreover, it has been boildly asserted in the public prints and never publicly denied, that he had bargained with the saloon and horsey interests that its considerations of the said brewer interests that, in consideration of a large contribution to the State campaign fand, there should be no temperance leg-

Senator Hanna was not to be found at the Capitol today. He left town several lays ago and, it is said, has not yet re-

NOMINEES FOR CONGRESS.

Representative Williams Again Se lected by Illinois Democrats. MOUNT VERNON, Ill., May 4.-The wentieth District Democratic Convention has renominated J. R. Williams for Renesentative.

KEOSAUQUA, Iowa, May 4.-Thomas Hedge, of Burlington, was renominated yesterday for Representative by the Republicans of the First district. AURORA, III., May 4.-The Eighth District Republican Convention has renomi-nated Representative A. J. Hopkins. GALVA, Ill., May 4.—The Republican Congressional Convention of the Tenth district has renominated George W. Prince,

warfare in Clay county has practically cen terminated by an agreement between

the parties.

The agreement provides for the dismissal of all indictments against the members of each faction and friendly relations now exist between once deadly enemies.

METHODISTS AT CHICAGO. General Belief That the Tim

Limit Is Doomed. CHICAGO, May 4.-With the delegates pparently unwearled by the hard work (he previous sittings, the third day's session of the Methodist General Conference began at 9 o'clock this morning in the Au-

After the excitement of the past two days, this morning's session was quiet enough. First came the devotional exercises. In which everybody, preacher and layman, joined heartly. Bishop Cyrus D. Fos then took charge of the meeting and the rollcall of delegates for the purpose of introducing memorials and resolutions, followed. Reports on permanent organizations of the various standing committees were next in order with miscellaneous business which took much time but further was devoted and the clerk's desk and had read an extract from a report of General (then Colonel) Miles.

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Mr. Lodge sent to the clerk's desk and had read an extract from a report of General business which took much time, but fur-

nished little interest. Columbia today reported favorably the bill
The conversation before the session came to order today was about equally divided between Bishop Hartzell's lecture of last night and the abolition of the number now authorized by law, who shall perform such duties as are performed by the assistant inspectors, and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to them and where the time be assigned to them. time limit is said to be doomed. The old time limit is said to be doomed. The old church hierarchy, with all the power vest-ed in the pastor, died last Wednesday, when the laymen won their fight and the time limit, once three years, then raised to five, is soon to follow. Dele-gates almost unanimously believe the question will be settled in a hurry after everybody has had a chance to speak.

ITALIAN SLAYERS CAPTURED.

Inder Arrest on the Charge of Mur ALTOONA, Pa., May 4 .- Andrew Trus eo and Antonio Medina, are in jail at Windber, charged with the murder men. Frank Napoleon, the third Italian known to have been implicated, has eluded the pursuit of the officers. The men were arrested at Lilly, on the main line of the

newspapers.

The crimes for which the men are wanted were the most brutal in the criminal history of central Pennsylvania. Napo leon, Trunseo, and Medina were jealou because the inmates of a resort kept by a French woman preferred other company. They entered the place and started a Edward McCauley, eighteen yea old, was stabbed with a stiletto, and as his companions fled out the door they were stabbed and shot. Besides McCauley, who died in the house, John Haberson, eighteen years old, of Houtzdale; Gustave Greyhert, nineteen years of age, of Allegheny, and Samuel Stigeley. Samuel Shiveley, twenty-two years of age, of Maryland, were murdered. Thomas Kipling, twenty-two years of age, of Philippsburg, died two days later from a stab

It was feared that the rougher element at Windber would attempt to lyach the men during the night, but, though a guard was kept around the little jail, there was no attempt at violence.

that he would call up his resolution of fering sympathy to the Boers, at the close of morning business tomorrow.

The Postoffice Appropriation Bill. Senator Wolcott today reported the Post office Appropriation bill from the commi tee on Postoffices and Post Roads and gr tice that he would call it up on May 15 c

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TO REORGANIZE THE ARMY

A Senate Amendment Providing for a Lieutenant General.

Provision Inserted Giving the Senior Major General Commanding This Rank-Radical Changes in the

Method of Appointing Staff Offi-

cers-Disposition of the Artillery.

The bill to increase the efficiency of the military establishment of the United States was taken up for consideration in the Senate this afternoon. It proposes to change the present system of permanent appointments in certain staff corps to one of detail by a gradual process, as the officers now in those corps go out of active service. Officers, appointed to these staff corps under the present law are permanently separated from the line. This bill makes the separation temporary not ex-

ceeding four years, but allowing a redctail

after going back to duty with troops for two years. This ensures that these staff departments shall be in touch and harmony with the shair be in touch and harmony with the fighting branches. It does not change the status of any of the members of the pres-ent staffs or affect their duties or opportu-nities for promotion. This feature of the bill does not increase or diminish the to-tal number of officers in the Army or af-fect their rank. The new system begins in their corps only when yearneles occur. in each corps only when vacancies occur at the foot of the list and as all vacancies are to be filled by detail from the line, this insures a certain amount of knowl-edge of the practical workings of the Army on the part of all staff officers coming into

the departments affected.

The new system is not applied to the Corps of Engineers, Medical Department, Pay Department, or Judge Advocate General's Department. It discontinues the regimental organization of the artillery, and establishes an artillery corps of two branches, viz: 126 batteries of coast artillery and eighteen batteries of field artillery. This change seems to meet with general favor, and the committee have heard no objection to it. The regimental organization is not desirable, as a regiment of artillery being scattered in the defences along the coast could never be together. It effects a saving of forty-two company officers over what would be required for the same number of officers under a regimental organization. the departments affected.

nder a regimental organization.

The bill provides for 17,448 men, distrib-GALVA, Ill., May 4—The Republican Congressional Convention of the Tenth district has renominated George W. Prince, of Galesburg.

PEACE IN CLAY COUNTY.

Confirmatory Reports of the End of a Kentucky Feud.

LONDON, K., May 4—Today's arrivals from Manchester confirm the report of a few days ago to the effect that the feudal paragraphs of the clay and allowances authorized for the staff of and allowances authorized for the staff of

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a lieutenant general."

Mr. Proctor, in charge of the bill, said he had no objection to the amendment and it was agreed to.

Mr. Berry moved to strike out the section; remarking, that there was no necessity for the rank of lieutenant and it. Mr. Bate took the same position and spoke against the tendency to increase the strength of Army efficers and to increase the rank of Army efficers and to increase the strength of the Army.

Mr. Sewell opposed the amendment and culogized General Miles as a man dischinguished in every sense. General Miles

cutogized General Miles as a man distinguished in every sense. General Miles, he said, had lost his great opportunity by the closing of the war. The United States had now an Army of 100,000 men. Such an Army in Europe would have ten major generals, two lieutenont generals, one general and one field marshal.

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The vote was taken on Mr. Berry's mo-ion to strike out section 15 and it was defeated, yeas, 8; nays, 44. The vote: Yeas-Bate, Berry, Butler Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster, Gallinger, Gear Hale Hansbrough, Har s, Hawley, Hoar, Jones of Nevada, Kell, Kyle, Lindsay, Lodge, McComas, Mason, Nelson, Perkins, Pettigrew, Pettus, Platt of Connecticut, Proctor, Quarles, Rawlins, Ross, Sewell, Shoup Simon, Stewart, Tel-ler, Wellington, Wolcott, M.

ross, sewent, Shoup Simon, Stewart, 1et-ler, Wellington, Wolcott-44. Mr. Kenney offered an amendment, which was adopted, providing for a Velerinary, Corps, with annual pay of \$33,000, and made an argument in support of it. THE KEARSARGE AT NEWPORT.

ew Battleship Ready to Secure Her Torpedo Outfit. NEWPORT, R. L. May 4.- The battlehip Kearsarge arrived here early this morning from Hampton Roads, dropping

The Kearsarge comes here for her tor-DEATH FROM SMALLPOX.

Pennsylvania Railroad, as they alighted from a train. Their pockets were full of newspaper stories of their horrible crime and portraits of themselves taken from It was learned at the Health Depart-It was learned at the Health Depart-

nent this morning that one of the ca

n the smallpox hospital had proved fatal.

Arthur Browning, who was removed from 1016 Twelfth Street sautheast on April 27, died at the hospital about 9 o'clock. The burial was in Congressional Cemetery this afternoon. Mr. Browning was employed at the Navy Yard REV. DR. EASTON RETICENT.

Actress Nethersole. Rev. Dr. Easton, this morning positivepress concerning his alleged slander of the actress, Olga Nethersole, or in regard to the libel suit instituted against him by her attorners. He again declined to state whether he would make apology from the pulpit, nor would he acknowledge or deny the authenticity of an alleged interview with him printed in a morning paper.

Nicholas R. Buickle Dead. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 4 .- Nicholas R. Buickle, sixty-two years old, one of the nost prominent citizens of Indiana, died this morning of heart failure. He was prominent in the Masonic order and the

Half of Rending's Carpenters Idle. READING, Pa., May 1 .- As a result of he carpenter's demand for a nine-hour day over one-half of the members of the Carnters' Union are not working

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